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1. WIRES: AP AND UPI AFTERNOON LEADS EX ROME. AP LEADS
EXTREMISTS BOMBED OFFICE OF ROME DAILY AMERICAN A FEW HOURS
BEFORE ARRIVAL HAK. MAJOR FOCUS IS ON SECURITY PRECAUTIONS
AND STATE OF PROTESTS: SCANT MENTION OF WORLD FOOD CON-
FERENCE. UPI LEADS WITH HAK'S OBJECTIVE TO KEYNOTE WORLD
FOOD CONFERENCE ON HOW TO FEED THE WORLD. MAJOR BACKUP
TO STORY IS ON SECURITY SITUATION IN ROME.

2. ABC, HOWARD SMITH (NO KOPPEL). SECRETARY OF STATE
KISSINGER HAS BEEN TO EIGHT COUNTRIES AND TODAY HE ARRIVED
AT THE NINTH, ITALY. THERE WERE RIVAL DEMONSTRATIONS FOR
AND AGAINST KISSINGER IN ROME WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH POPE
PAUL AND ITALIAN PRESIDENT LEONE AS WELL AS TO ADDRESS
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THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TOMORROW. THEN IT'S ON TO THE

MIDDLE EAST FOR KISSINGER WHERE HE HAS STOPS SCHEDULED IN FIVE COUNTRIES TO BE FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO TURKEY THIS WEEKEND TO DISCUSS THE CYPRUS QUESTION.

COMMENTARY - HOWARD K. SMITH. TOMORROW IS A DAY OF ELECTIONS BUT IT IS ALSO THE OPENING OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, WHICH MAY BE MORE IMPORTANT. THE GENERAL SHAPE OF THE ELECTIONS IS IMPORTANT AND SO IS THE FOOD CONFERENCE. A GOOD MAJORITY OF THE 135 NATIONS WILL SCOLD THE U.S. FOR BEING FAT AND RICH AND NOT DOING ENOUGH FOR THE POOR. BUT BEFORE THE BLOWS START FALLING IT SHOULD BE SAID THEY WILL BE HITTING THE WRONG TARGET. WE CAN DO A FEW MORE THINGS LIKE STOP FERTILIZING OUR LAWNS AND SENDING THE FERTILIZER TO THOSE WHO NEED IT FOR CROPS, BUT THE FACT IS THAT THE U.S. NOW FEEDS IN ADDITION TO OUR OWN PEOPLE NEARLY A QUARTER OF THE REST OF THE WORLD. WE ARE NEAR OUR LIMIT. THE SOLUTION UNFORTUNATELY LAYS IN THE POOR COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. THERE IS ENOUGH FERTILE SOIL IN THE WORLD TO FEED THE WORLD. IF IT WERE INTENSIVELY USED, AS IT IS NOT, THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM. THE NEW OIL RICH COUNTRIES COULD USE THE MONEY THEY ARE NOW DROWNING IN TO HELP THE POOR LANDS WITH FUEL FOR INTENSIFIED MECHANIZED CULTIVATION. BUT THE MAIN PROBLEM IS NOT THE QUANTITY OF FOOD, IT IS BAD DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD. IT IS NOT KNOWN VERY WELL THAT LAST YEAR THERE WAS ENOUGH FOOD ALLOCATED TO FEED STARVING AFRICA, BUT LOCAL PROFITEERING AND INEFFICIENCY FAILED TO GET IT TO WHERE IT WAS NEEDED. AND OF COURSE THERE IS THE QUESTION OF POPULATION. THE POOR COUNTRIES ARE ADDING ONE AND A HALF MILLION NEW MOUTHS TO FEED TO THE WORLD EACH WEEK. WE CAN DO VERY LITTLE ABOUT THAT; THEY HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO DO IT. SO THE HARD TRUTH ABOUT THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS IS THE U.S. CAN AT BEST PRODUCE ONE-TENTH OF THE SOLUTION. NINETY PERCENT OF THE SOLUTION DEPENDS ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES.

3. NBC - CHANCELLOR. (NO VALERIANI) SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER ARRIVED IN ROME TODAY. HE WILL ADDRESS THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE THERE TOMORROW AND THEN HE WILL FLY ON TO THE MIDDLE EAST ON A NEW PEACE MISSION. THAT MISSION UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS COMPLICATED BY THE ARAB DECISION IN RABAT LAST WEEK TO TURN OVER ANY WEST BANK TERRITORY GIVEN UP BY ISRAEL TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT, THE ARAB GUERRILLAS. CHANCELLOR THEN COVERED THE PROTESTS IN NEW YORK AGAINST THE DECISION TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLO ATTEND THE UNITED NATIONS DEBATE ON THE PALESTINE ISSUE. JACKSON WAS FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN THIS COVERAGE.

4. CBS - CRONKITE, (NO KALB). SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S ITINERARY TOOK HIM TO ROME TODAY WHERE HIS ARRIVAL WAS GREETED WITH UNUSUALLY HEAVY SECURITY BECAUSE OF THE BOMBING OF THE ROME DAILY AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, THE THIRD ANTI-AMERICAN BOMBING IN AS MANY DAYS. DAMAGE WAS FAIRLY HEAVY, BUT THERE WERE NO INJURIES. KISSINGER IS IN ROME FOR TOMORROW'S ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WHICH IS BEING HELD AT HIS SUGGESTION. REPRESENTATIVES FROM MORE THAN A HUNDRED COUNTRIES WILL WRESTLE WITH THE PROBLEM OF MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE WHO FACE STARVATION EVERY DAY. A PANEL OF ECONOMISTS AND FOOD EXPERTS, PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE SUGGESTED TODAY THAT AMERICANS AND OTHER AFFLUENT PEOPLE EAT LESS OR FACE A CONFRONTATION WITH THE STARVING. ALSO IN ROME, AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EARL BUTZ CALLED ON THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OIL PRODUCING ARAB COUNTRIES TO DO THEIR SHARE IN PROVIDING ADEQUATE FOOD RESERVES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE SAID THE U.S. AND CANADA NO LONGER CAN CARRY THE ENTIRE BURDEN. CBS THEN LAUNCHED INTO A SERIES OF REPORTS ON THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS, WITH THE FIRST FROM MURRAY FROMSON IN BANGLADESH.

5. CBS/RADIO - KALB FROM ROME. SECRETARY KISSINGER NOW FEELS HE CAN ISOLATE AN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATION OVER FURTHER SINAI WITHDRAWALS WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER.

CONCERNING CYPRUS, IT IS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SECRETARY WILL VISIT TURKEY ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. IT NOW SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD NOT BE GOING THERE UNLESS HE FELT HE HAD TURKEY'S AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW SOME OF ITS TROOPS FROM CYPRUS. SUCH A WITHDRAWAL AND FINALLY NEGOTIATION WILL GET THE SECRETARY OFF THE HOOK WITH CONGRESS

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WHICH HAS VOTED TO CUT OFF ALL MILITARY AID TO TURKEY BY DECEMBER 10 UNLESS THERE IS A WITHDRAWAL. THE TWO TOPICS ARE LINKED IN THE SECRETARY'S MIND BECAUSE HE FEELS IF ANOTHER WAR BREAKS OUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE U.S., HE FEELS, WILL NEED TURKEY. INGERSOLL

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